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In re Application of:  
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Assignee: The Johns Hopkins University

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For: Porous, Lubricated Mixing Tube  
For Abrasive, Fluid Jet

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## REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT AND RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

ATT: Examiner Dung V. Nguyen, Group 3723

Dear Examiner Nguyen:

In consideration of Examiner's recent First Office Action on the above referenced patent application, Applicants hereby request that this application be amended as shown below and reconsideration be given to the rejection of this application's claims.

## AMENDMENTS

### In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims as shown below:

13. (First Amendment) An abrasive, fluid jet cutting apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein the mixing tube passage connecting its inlet and outlet ports is made by using electric discharge machining to machine said porous material, and

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